



# Environmental Affairs Board

## Meeting Notes

5-27-03 ■ 6:00 p.m.

Committee Room  
Second Floor, City Hall

**Members Present:** Will Anderson, Jerad Bales, Kathi Beratan, Ray Eurquhart, Matthew Greenwolfe, Joseph Jackson, Judy Kincaid, and Samantha Miller, and Dock Terrell

**Members Absent:** Ahrash Bissell (E), Marian Johnson-Thompson (E)

**Staff Present:** David McCary, Doug Vaughn, William Sun, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler

**Guests Present:**

**Last Months Meeting Notes.** Kathi Beratan made a motion to approve the notes for April meeting. The motion was seconded by Dock Terrell and approved with all ayes.

**Comprehensive Plan Update.** Joe said the Steering Committee was still going through the existing conditions for each category. The next step will be the Historic Element. The Steering Committee will also receive a report on citizen input collected from the open house meetings held by the Planning Department.

**Environmental Indicators Update.** Joe reported the subcommittee had determined the Department Heads responsible for the data to be collected.

**EAB Brochure Update.** Currently the brochure is awaiting further comment from the Board members.

**EAB Goals.** Marian distributed via email the start of a list of contacts for key groups, movers/shakers, and key experts in the environmental arena generated by EAB members. Judy offered to put together a follow-up document and bring it to the next meeting.

**Environmental Section of the UDO.** Planning Manager, Dick Hails gave a presentation on the environmental section of the Unified Development Ordinance. He stated that the majority of the material is unchanged, and has only been organized and placed into the same section of the ordinance. The major proposed changes are:

- An increase in the tree replacement and preservation requirements
- Keep flood and stream buffers out of required lot area
- Count streets when filling in floodway fringe
- Insure consistency of requirements between watersheds
- Expand regulated steep slope areas

Some of the concerns raised by Board members were: Are green building practices suggested? How are invasives handled? What is the definition of wetlands? What is the definition of

specimen trees? How often are Inventory Sites updated? When was the floodplain mapping last updated? What about groundwater supply protection? Are Upper Neuse River regulations included? What parts address air quality? Dick Hails agreed to research answers to EAB questions and email EAB members with answers before June meeting.

**Nomination Committee.** Joseph Jackson, representing the nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year. The candidates are Kathi Beratan for Chairman and Will Anderson for Vice Chairman.

**SEEDS.** Kathi is talking with personnel at the SEEDS program concerning the training of students in the creation of rain gardens as a means of stormwater management with the potential of City of Durham land as a demonstration project.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alex Waddell, Planner